CEN61 — CONTEMPORARY LITERATURE
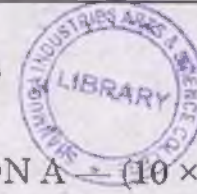
Time : Three hours   Maximum : 75 marks

SECTION A — (10 × 2 = 20 marks)

Answer ALL questions.

1. How does the poet feel when a film opens will rain?

2. What is marriage compared to in "Wedding"?

3. Describe the activities of poet's father in Though my mother was already two years dead?

4. Who is "Poor orphan in the sky"?

5. Why does Jerry want to swim deep in the bay?

6. What does the tunnel symbolize in *Through the Tunnel*?

7. What are the safety measures taken by the family in *Once Upon a Time*?
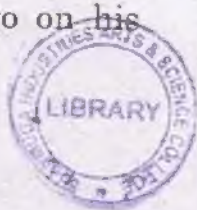
8. Who is the 'wise old witch'?

9. What will happen in the end of *The Humans*?

10. How does the Englishman help Santiago on his journey in The Alchemist?

SECTION B — (5 × 5 = 25 marks)

Answer ALL questions.

11. (a) Summarize the poem Rain by Don Paterson.

Or

(b) Discuss the theme of the poem "Wedding" by Alice Oswald.

12. (a) What is the kind of pain and ache that the poet feels in *Though my mother was already two years dead*?

Or

(b) How does the moon reflect the mood of the poet in *Lonely Moon*.

13. (a) Describe the relationship between Jerry and his mother at the beginning of the story *Through the Tunnel*?

Or

(b) Discuss the significance of the title Once Upon a Time.

14. (a) What is the central theme of *The Humans* by Stephen Karam?

Or

(b) Analyze *English People very Nice* as a play within a play.

15. (a) How did the presence of Richard Parker influence the attitude of Pi during his struggle?

Or

(b) What does Santiago learn from the Alchemist?

SECTION C — (3 × 10 = 30 marks)

Answer any THREE questions.

16. Analyze Jerry's character evolution and maturity in *Through the Tunnel*.

17. How does Don Paterson exemplify rain in his poem *Rain*.

18. Analyze the cruel pain of death in *Though my mother was already two years dead*.

19. Discuss the theme of Fear and Hope in the play *The Humans*.

20. Water is elixir of life. Describe the statement with reference to Life of Pi.